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SUBJECT: TERRORIST ACTIVITY BY ANTI-CASTRO GROUPS

REF: (A) STATE 225943, (B) STATE 225889, (C) CARADAS 10975,  
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SUMMARY: FONMIN WILLS TODAY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO HIM THUS FAR, BUT URGED THAT US PROVIDE INFORMATION ON GIL NOBLE AS THE ALLEGATIONS OF ASSASSINATION PLOTS WERE OF GREAT CONCERN. CUBANS HAVE PROPOSED THAT GOG AND GOC COORDINATE SECURITY AND ANTI-CUBAN EXILE ACTIVITIES. WILLS SAID HE WILL ARGUE AGAINST ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL, BUT IS NOT CERTAIN HE WILL PREVAIL. WITHOUT THE INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT HAS PROVIDED FOR WILLS THUS FAR, I DOUBT THAT PRESS COVERAGE OF THE ALLEGATIONS OF US LINKS TO CUBAN EXILES WOULD HAVE ENDED WITH THE PUBLICATION OF STATEMENT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED ME TO RELEASE SEPTEMBER 3. END SUMMARY.

1. I PROVIDED INFORMATION AS AUTHORIZED REFTELS TO FONMIN WILLS THIS MORNING. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INFORMATION AND FOR THE CONFIDENTIAL

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VISIT OF LEGAL ATTACHE JOSE LEO LAST WEEK. HE WAS DISAPPOINTED,

HOWEVER, THAT WE HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING GIL NOBLE. THE ALLEGATIONS OF AN ASSASSINATION PLOT WERE UPPERMOST IN THE CONCERNS OF GUYANA'S LEADERS AT THIS TIME.

2. WILLS SAID HE HAD CALLED AMBASSADOR CAMPBELL HOME FROM HAVANA TO CROSS-EXAMINE HIM CONCERNING NOBLE'S VISIT TO THE GUYANESE EMBASSY. CAMPBELL, WHOM WILLS DESCRIBED AS A NICE GUY BUT NOT TOO PERCEPTIVE, HAD BEEN UNABLE TO CONVEY TO WILLS A CLEAR INDICATION OF WHETHER NOBLE WAS RELIABLE. WILLS HAD SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT NOBLE'S BONA FIDES AND HIS ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION PLOT DIRECTED AGAINST PRIME MINISTERS BURNHAM AND MANLEY.

3. SINCE WE HAD LAST TALKED, HOWEVER, A NEW COMPLICATING ELEMENT HAD ENTERED THE PICTURE. THE CUBAN CHARGE HAD PROPOSED TO THE GOG THAT GUYANA AND CUBA COORDINATE THEIR SECURITY MEASURES AND ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST CUBAN EXILE LEADERS. THE CUBAN HAD ALSO PROPOSED TO SEND A TEAM TO GUYANA TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COOPERATION. GIVEN THE INSECURITY THAT THE BOMBING AND ALLEGATION OF AN ASSASSINATION PLOT HAD CREATED AMONG TOP GOG OFFICIALS, COUPLED WITH THE KNOWN INADEQUACIES OF GUYANESE INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY SYSTEMS, WILLS WAS CERTAIN SEVERAL CABINET MEMBERS WOULD URGE THAT BURNHAM ACCEPT THE CUBAN PROPOSALS. WILLS SAID HE WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO GETTING INVOLVED WITH CUBANS FOR SEVERAL REASONS, AND WOULD USE AS HIS PRIME OPPOSING ARGUMENT THE THESIS THAT GUYANESE ASSOCIATION WITH CUBA IN SECURITY AND ANTI-CUBAN EXILE ACTIVITY WOULD INEVITABLY CAUSE GUYANA TO BE A SPECIAL TARGET OF THE ANTI-CASTRO GROUPS.

4. WILLS MADE ANOTHER PLEA FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING GIL NOBLE, HIS POLITICAL BACKGROUND AND CONNECTIONS. HE SAID AGAIN HE WAS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN HAVING INFORMATION WHICH WOULD LINK NOBLE TO CASTRO CUBANS OR WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE DISCREDIT HIM. WILLS SAID, IN THE EVENT IT MIGHT HELP US, NOBLE'S ADDRESS WAS 77 WEST 66TH STREET, NEWYORK, NEWYORK 10022 AND HIS WABC-TV PHONE NUMBER WAS (212) 587-7777, EXT. 6344.

5. ALTHOUGH INFORMATION WOULD HAVE BEEN MOST USEFUL PRIOR TO TODAY'S CABINET MEETING, HE URGED ME TO CALL HIM DAY OR NIGHT SHOULD I GET ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR NEWYORK ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 16.

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6. COMMENT: IT APPEARS TO ME THAT CASTRO CUBANS ARE INDUSTRIOUSLY ENGAGED IN AN EFFORT TO GIVE NEW LIFE TO FEARS IN GUYANA AND ELSEWHERE THAT THE US IS ENGAGED IN HOSTILE ACTIVITY AGAINST THE GOG AND OTHER CARIBBEAN GOVTS. THE SUSPICIONS MAY SEEM SILLY TO OUTSIDERS BUT IN SOME CIRCLES HERE THEY ARE VERY REAL AND THERE ARE OTHERS WHO WOULD EXPLOIT THEM FOR REASONS OF PERSONAL POLITICAL GAIN AS WELL AS ANTI-US SENTIMENTS.

7. I AM GRATIFIED WITH THE BACKING AND COOPERATION THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT AND THE CARACAS LEGAL ATTACHE. HAD WE NOT BEEN RESPONSIVE TO WILLS' REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE I DOUBT THAT PRESS COVERAGE OF THE VARIOUS ALLEGATIONS WOULD HAVE BEEN HALTED AFTER THE PUBLICITY ABOUT THE BOMBING OF GUYANA'S CONSULATE IN TRINIDAD AND THE PUBLICATION OF MY STATEMENT CONCERNING IT ON SEPTEMBER 3. UNFORTUNATELY,US CREDIBILITY IS STILL NOT HIGH ENOUGH SO THAT WILD ALLEGATIONS ARE RECEIVED THROUGHOUT THE GOG WITH THE SKEPTICISM THEY DESERVE. BUT I ALSO BELIEVE THAT DURING THE PAST FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS A MORE FAVORABLE CLIMATE HAS BEEN DEVELOPING AND THAT, BARRING ACCIDENTS, WE CAN CONTINUE THIS TREND BLACKEN

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